

**Rhode Island Department of Health
Institutional Review Board (IRB)
Minutes of Meeting
March 3, 2005**

In attendance: Utpala Bandy, Jay Buechner, John Fulton, Leonard Green (Vice-Chair), Ewa King (Alternate), Joann Lindenmayer (Chair), Sharon Marable (Alternate), Bruce McIntyre, Elizabeth Shelov, Vivian Weisman.

The Chair began the meeting at 9:30 AM.

Dr. Lindenmayer informed the Board that there is a new public member, Robert T. Jones. Mr. Jones is the Project Director for the National Conference for Community and Justice, Rhode Island and Southeastern New England Region, and he chairs the Minority Health Advisory Committee of HEALTH. Mr. Jones is scheduled to begin his participation at the next scheduled meeting of the Board. Prior to Dr. Nolan's departure she had expressed her interest in having URI representation on the Board. The Chair subsequently contacted Dr. Lynn Pasquerella, Chair of the URI IRB and an Associate Dean of the Graduate School, who has agreed to serve on the Board as an alternate member. A letter of invitation is ready to be signed by the new Director of Health.

The Chair stated that once the new Director of Health, David Gifford, M.D., M.P.H., has settled into his new role, we will update him on the activities of the board.

Elizabeth Shelov and Vivian Weisman presented the results of their expedited review of HEALTH IRB #2005-02, a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) project entitled: Interviews of Patients Infected With Bacterial Enteric Pathogens With an Unusual Resistance Pattern.

This is a telephone survey conducted by State Health Departments. After reviewing the study protocol, some of the areas of concern were: 1.no mention of liquid antibiotics, 2. the call is made to the individual without any prior notice (i.e., there should be a letter preceding the call to inform the recipient of the upcoming inquiry), 3. the script that is proposed has too much jargon.

There was continued discussion about the project and on motion of John Fulton and seconded by Bruce McIntyre, members voted to schedule the project for a Full Board review. Utpala Bandy abstained.

There was a generic discussion concerning acceptance of CDC's IRB reviews and decisions in lieu of HEALTH doing an initial review. It was proposed that HEALTH always do the initial review and defer to the CDC IRB only for ongoing review. Resources (or lack thereof) may in fact require that ongoing reviews be conducted by other IRB's. This issue will require additional deliberation and clarification.

On motion of Utpala Bandy and seconded by John Fulton it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting. The Board adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

**The next scheduled meeting of the Board is April 7, 2005, 9:30-11:30
a.m., in the Beck Conference Room.**